

PARK ROBBERS AGAIN HOLD UP AND BEAT MAN

For the Second Time Within a Few Days Daring Highwaymen Ply Their Trade Near the West One Hundredth Street Police Station.

PATROLMAN LETS THEM ESCAPE, ARRESTS VICTIM.

Found Unconscious from Beating He Has Received. He's Taken to Police Station and Charged with Intoxication, but Court Sets Him Free.

Another hold-up occurred early today at Central Park West and Ninety-ninth street. The victim was badly beaten, and finally, when the police arrived, the man, who had been robbed and left unconscious, was arrested for being intoxicated. The policeman who made the arrest says he chased the men who had committed the robbery, but was unable to catch them.

This is the second crime of its kind to be committed within a few blocks of the police station on a thoroughfare that is well lighted. The street has a double line of cars, and its broad asphalt drive is a favorite with drivers and with persons in automobiles. It is supposed to be thoroughly patrolled, yet it has become a favorite place for highwaymen, who lurk in the darkness of the park and wait for their victims.

Near a Police Station.

A block to the west and a block to the north is the West One Hundredth street police station, while across the street from where the hold-ups have occurred are several large apartment-houses.

The victim of the highwaymen today was Franklin T. Bigelow, of No. 45 Morningside Heights. He was on his way home when he was assaulted. Without a word of warning he received a blow in the face and an arm was passed about his neck to prevent his making an outcry and to render him helpless. While one man rained blows upon him another took his clothes and got his watch and chain. Having beaten him until he was unconscious his assailants left him.

It was then he was discovered by Policeman Murphy, of the West One Hundredth street station. The policeman says he saw the men who robbed Bigelow and they escaped by jumping over the fence of the park and getting into the darkness of the park.

Let Highwaymen Escape.

The policeman did not attempt to shoot the men, but having decided they were well on their way into the park he returned to Mr. Bigelow and carried him to the police station.

He was "stood up" before the sergeant and a charge of intoxication preferred against him. His pedigree was taken and he was locked up. Later in the day he was taken to the West Side Court and made to confess that he had been robbed, while the policeman was present to press the charge of intoxication. When Magistrate Hogan heard the story and the reason for the arrest he discharged the prisoner.

On Wednesday morning within a block of the place where Bigelow was robbed, Frank D. Hurst, a retired business man, was tied up and robbed, after having been beaten. Other hold-ups have occurred at the same place.

HOW MR. ECKSTEIN WENT A FISHING.

Hooked a Sea Robin After Fourteen Hours, Fell Off Pier and Arrested for Attempted Suicide.

Matthew Eckstein, thirty-seven years old, of No. 11 Charlton street, Newark, is a desperate fisherman. He would rather fish than eat. He prides himself that he has infinite patience. Yesterday he descended upon Coney Island with rod, reel and creel. He fished to the iron pier and seated himself on the outer edge. For half an hour he had a fine brand of Hoboken sandworms. He threw out his line and waited.

The sun went down and he still waited. The moon came up, yet he waited on. The moon went down and Mr. Eckstein impaled three fresh Hoboken sandworms.

At exactly 7 o'clock this morning, after fourteen hours of waiting, Mr. Eckstein had a bite. The berries of his reel grew hot as he hauled in. There was a rain of spray as the line came up and the glistening scales of "a whopper" came into view. But just as Mr. Eckstein reached for the prize it slipped from his hook and he had a fine brand of Hoboken sandworms. He threw out his line and waited.

This was too much for Mr. Eckstein. The next moment he, too, was in the water. He was hauled in by the Coney Island Court was charged with attempted suicide. His examination will be held to-morrow.

LEADER MURPHY OFF TO LONG BEACH.

Tammany Chieftain Has Rented a Cottage There, but Will Be at Hall Four Days a Week.

Leader Charles F. Murphy of Tammany Hall to-day went to Long Beach, L. I., where he has rented a cottage for the summer.

He will visit Tammany Hall every day during the summer excepting Fridays and Saturdays, when he will remain at the seaside.

Body of Suicide Identified.

The body of the young woman who jumped from a Twenty-third street ferry bound for Greenpoint on Sunday, was identified at the Morgue today as that of Johanna Pritch, twenty-seven years old, of No. 226 East Fifty-second street. The identification was made by

3 TELEGRAMS COME SIGNED BY "RUSSELL"

Messages Purporting to Be from the Missing Man and Sent from Milledgeville, Ga., Are Received by Friends and Wife in This City.

"MERELY A DECOY," SAYS MRS. RUSSELL AT ONCE.

All of the Despatches Announce the Intention of the Man Who Disappeared So Mysteriously a Week Ago to Return Here on Monday.

Three telegrams were received in this city and Brooklyn to-day purporting to come from John L. Russell, of No. 191 Lincoln place, Brooklyn, the secretary and treasurer of the Journey & Burnham Company, who has been missing since last Friday. All of these despatches are dated from Milledgeville, Ga., and state that Russell in good health. They intimate, however, that when he disappeared he was stricken with some serious mental or physical illness.

One of these telegrams was received by Manager McMillan, of the Bradstreet Mercantile Agency. It read:

"Will return to town on Monday."
"JOHN L. RUSSELL."

Another telegram from the same Georgia address was received by Hugh Boyd, President of the Journey-Burnham Company. This despatch read:

"The third telegram was received by Mrs. Russell and said:

"Am better. Will be home Monday."
"Decey, Says Mrs. Russell."

Notwithstanding these apparent evidences of the whereabouts of Russell his wife refuses to be comforted. She declares that the despatch received by her is simply a decoy. She asserts that the telegram is not authentic, and bears no date line, and constructs it as an effort to throw her off the track.

Nevertheless Mrs. Russell turned the message over to one of the private detectives who has engaged and commanded him to spare no expense to verify it, if possible, or secure evidence that it is a fraud.

The friends of Mrs. Russell are loud in their denunciation of the police. They say that though the news of Mr. Russell's disappearance was made known at the Brooklyn Headquarters six days ago, Capt. Formosa's detectives have done absolutely nothing in the case.

The police, on the other hand, assert that Mrs. Russell refused to give them her confidence or aid them in any way in their search. All the information upon which they might be able to work, they declare, was turned over to the private detectives.

Slueths Make Promises.

Mrs. Russell said to-day that her private slueths had promised her information of an important character before night. She admitted, however, that they made the same promises every day since her husband disappeared.

The stockholders of the Journey & Burnham Company held a meeting early in the week and appointed Harry Boyd, son of President Boyd, acting secretary and treasurer of the company in the absence of Russell, it was learned.

The company's officers to-day said this appointment will become permanent should Russell on his return be suffering from any mental illness.

Apostle Spoons \$2,000 Each.

LONDON, June 17.—Thirteen silver apostle spoons, with figures of Christ and the twelve Apostles upon them, were auctioned at London yesterday. They brought the record price of \$24,000. The spoons were dated 1555, and constituted the earliest complete set known. The bidding was spirited, commencing at \$2,300 and rising rapidly until they were finally knocked down to a dealer for the sensational figure.

Heavy Debit at Clearing-House.

The Sub-Treasury had an unusually heavy debit at the clearing-house today, \$2,216,171, resulting from pension payments, mail transportation, and a \$500,000 payment to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank for account of the army in the Philippines.

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PARTY EMBLEM OF EX-CHIEF DEVERY



DEVERY OPENS HIS MAYORAL FIGHT

Ex-Big Chief's Organization of "Bugs" Circulates Petitions for His Nomination in Many Assembly Districts.

Petitions for "Big Bug" Devery's candidacy for Mayor as head of the Independent People's Party were opened today in each Assembly district in Greater New York where a Devery club or organization has been established. This means that Devery's campaign for the Mayorship is at last under way.

The preliminary steps were taken Monday night at a meeting of the William S. Devery Association at No. 302 Eighth avenue, corner of Twenty-eighth street.

A complete organization was effected by the election of Peter J. Garvey, president; Assemblyman Richard J. Butler, First Vice-President; Wallace B. Hunter, Second Vice-President; and Edward Snyder, Secretary. Last night the petitions for Devery's candidacy were distributed to the various Devery organizations and were opened simultaneously to-day.

The first petition was exhibited at Devery's headquarters last night, and the "Bugs" are carrying it as the emblem of the Independent People's party, it is printed in green, with the bug in gold.

IMPODEN SENDS WORD HE'S SICK.

Says He is Under Doctor's Care in Oklahoma, but Will Come East as Soon as Possible.

Leonard B. Imboden, whose financial methods are under investigation in New Jersey and Connecticut, has sent a telegram to J. P. Perrin, who has a charge of his affairs in this city, that he is sick in bed in McAlester, Okla., but will start for New York just as soon as his doctors will permit, and then he will explain the questioned affairs of the Interstate Trust Company of Jersey City, which is now in the charge of the Banking Department.

The Connecticut Bank Commissioners have started an examination of the books of the Fidelity Title and Trust Company, of Stamford, which was mentioned by the Bank Commissioners of New Jersey as being involved with the Imboden concern in New Jersey. President Foskett insists that the bank is solvent and that a mistake has been made in involving the Stamford company with the Interstate, or with Imboden.

There is a run on the Fidelity, but in the savings department the sixty-day note is being forced, and not more than 100 is being paid out on any one account. On June 9 the company reported assets of \$55,875,12.

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DEEP LAKE FORMS UNDER BROADWAY

Cave-In of Seventy-Foot Excavation at Forty-second Street Breaks Twenty-Inch Water Main and Causes Great Flood.

TWO MEN ALMOST DROWNED.

Platform Built for Passengers on Seventh Avenue Cars Suddenly Collapses and Crashes Down to Bottom of the Subway.

There's a fine lake up in Broadway today thirty-five feet deep, rocky banks and pure Croton water, but so far only a foreman of laborers and an Italian have been fished out of it.

It fills the triangle at Forty-second street, Broadway and Seventh avenue, where an excavation has been made seventy feet down into the solid rock.

The lake is there through a series of exciting, even thrilling, incidents. A fifteen-foot square platform supported by girders over the southwest corner of the deep hole and intended to accommodate passengers boarding northbound Seventh avenue cars slipped its moorings last night while the theatres in the neighborhood were busy and slid down seventy feet to the bottom of the hole.

The falling platform broke two large gas mains and shattered the supports under a twenty-inch water main, but the water main kept intact while the gas spouted out in limitless volumes.

While a gang of men were hurled into the trenches to shore up the water pipe before it should drop and precipitate a deluge the gas floated out and drove the audience from the Victoria Theatre Roof Garden, sent the patrons of the surrounding restaurants scurrying for air and became so dense in the vicinity that many of the hotels closed their doors and windows.

Twenty-Inch Stream.

About 2 o'clock this morning a section of the car tracks gave way and fell on the water main, breaking it and permitting the great volume of water to shoot out in a stream twenty inches in diameter. It formed a pretty cascade as it roared down the rock-bound declivity, swamping the rock-drills which were there to dig the hole deeper, and carrying with it the wreckage of the fallen substructure of the streets.

It was two and a half hours before the water was turned off. The Water Department could not find the shut off for that main and the deluge continued until the water in the triangle was thirty-five feet deep. Then the water was turned off and a gang of men was put to work at 5 o'clock this morning to plug up the gas mains, the danger becoming more imminent of a disastrous explosion.

Foreman Jeremiah Fitzgerald was plugging up one of the gas mains when another embankment caved in and swept him with a ton of debris into the lake, thirty-five feet below the street.

And from the time he was below the surface it was apparent he had touched bottom.

Swims While Rope is Lowered.

When he came to the surface he said he could swim a while longer and a call was sent in for an ambulance while preparations were made to drop a line and fish him out. But he was too heavy to hang on long and would drop back in again.

So the rope was tied around a husky laborer and he was dropped over the ledge and down to the water. He carried another rope with him and this he fastened about Fitzgerald's arms and both were hauled back to the street. But the foreman would not go to the hospital.

The damage from the series of accidents will probably not be very heavy. Work had been begun on the two-foot wall in the foundation of the Times building, and it is probable that this will have to be torn down, as the mortar has not dried. It is expected that the

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COUNTERFEITERS' GANG IS CAPTURED

Five Men and One Woman, All Said to Be Members of the "Society of the Blood," Run Down by Secret Service Men.

Secret Service Agent Flynn and four of his assistants, Henry Clinks, Ricci, Helms and Brannick, captured a gang of Italian counterfeiters at No. 50 Main street, Brooklyn, to-day, after a hard fight, in which revolvers were drawn by both sides, and Flynn had a narrow escape from being killed.

Five men and one woman were arrested. They are all members of the "Society of the Blood," seven of whose members are now awaiting trial on a charge of having murdered Madenia Benedetto, whose body was found in a barrel two months ago at Avenue D and Eleventh street.

The Secret Service agents had been on the track of the gang for weeks and to-day, while shadowing Antonio Santini, of No. 23 Mulberry street, who had been doing the "laying down"—passing the counterfeit money—they were compelled to make the raid that followed.

Santini had been followed from the Manhattan side to Brooklyn and was just leaving the Catherine street ferry when he happened to turn round and see Flynn. He recognized him instantly and took to his heels, with the Secret Service agent in full cry after him.

Threw Bad Money Away.

The detective saw him take a roll of bills from his pocket and throw it over the fence of a vacant lot, but he did not stop. Policeman Dean, of the Fifth Precinct, was passing, and Flynn shouted to him to get the roll and never mind the chase he was engaged in. Dean had the sense to obey and Flynn caught Santini in a few more strides.

It was decided that there was no use putting off longer the arrest of the prisoner's companions, for it would be impossible to keep his arrest a secret, and if the gang heard of it they would immediately take to cover.

Santini was given into the care of the police and then Flynn, accompanied by Detectives Henry, Clinks and Helms, descended upon No. 50 Main street. They had to break their way into the place.

KEARSARGE OFF ON
HER SPEED VOYAGE

Admiral Cotton Transferred His Flag to the Chicago When the Run Was Begun.

PORTSMOUTH, England, July 17.—When the American squadron arrived at Spithead today on the departure for America Admiral Cotton transferred his flag from the Kearsarge to the Chicago, and the ships separated, the Kearsarge starting on her long full-speed run to Frenchman's Bay, Maine.

Before leaving Admiral Cotton sent a message to the Mayor of Portsmouth thanking him and the townspeople for their hospitality to the American sailors.

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Special Sales for Saturday.

98c., \$1.50 and \$1.98 Colored Waists at 49c.

Here's an opportunity for small women wearing sizes 32 and 34 Shirt Waists to secure rare bargains. For Saturday we offer 1,000 striped, dotted and plain colored Waists that formerly sold at 98c., \$1.50 and \$1.98 at the reduced price of 49c.

\$1.50 Short and Long Sleeve White Lawn Waists at 98c.

The short-sleeve Waists are of white lawn, front of fine tucks and insertings of lace (same as shown in cut)—the long-sleeve waists are of white lawn in many different models, finished with lace insertings, tucks and medallions. These \$1.50 White Lawn Waists on sale for Saturday at 98c.

\$2.50 and \$2.98 White Lawn Waists at \$1.98.

Dainty white lawn and organdie Waists in a broad variety of exquisite styles, long or short sleeves; Waists handsomely embellished with insertings of Val, Cluny and Mexican lace, with alternate rows of fine plaits and tuckings. These \$2.50 and \$2.98 Waists reduced to \$1.98.

\$5 Walking Skirts at \$2.98.

Walking Skirts of blue and black brilliantine, made in the new flare walking length, finished with several rows of stitching around the bottom. These \$5 walking skirts on special sale for Saturday at \$2.98.

\$6 Walking Skirts at \$3.98.

Several different styles of walking skirts in kilted, plaited and flare effects, made of black and blue brilliantine, and the popular light gray homespun and chevrons which are so fashionable this season—these \$6 skirts on sale for Saturday at \$3.98.

\$7 Dress Skirts at \$4.98.

Blue and black tulle and mistral dress skirts, trimmed with bands of stitched tulle around bottom and yoke of skirt; also a number of new model walking skirts in mannish materials; reduced from \$6, \$7 & \$8, for Saturday, to \$4.98.

\$18 & \$20 White China Silk Dresses Reduced to \$11.50.

These White China Silk Dresses (same as cut), are marked at an especially attractive price, and when you see how delicate and dainty they are you will suppose they are at least \$40 dresses. They were counted bargains at \$16 and \$18. The dresses are made with alternate rows of fine tucks and wide Cluny lace, with 3 large pearl buttons on front; large pouch sleeves, finished with lace, and lace collar—the skirt is trimmed with a broad inserting of Cluny lace down either side and a double box plait down centre. These China Silk Dresses on sale for Saturday at the specially reduced price, \$11.50.

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Several new styles of summer Dresses, in black, blue and white lawns, with polka dots or small figures; waists and skirts are prettily trimmed; reduced \$2.98 from \$5 for Saturday to.....

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